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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION US IMMIGRATION POLICY - TOKYO

LEAD STORIES: Tuesday morning's business daily Nihon Keizai gave top play to a plan by Honda Motor Co. to construct a new plant in North America by 2009 for production of high-fuel-efficiency cars.

[11](#). "US to Deploy National Guard Troops Along US-Mexico Border" Washington correspondent Sadahiro of the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri commented (5/16):
"President Bush has decided to deploy thousands of National Guard troops along the US-Mexico border to stem illegal immigration into the US, which has become a political issue there following massive demonstrations across the country. The president will announce details of the plan in a speech to be delivered Tuesday morning (Japan time).

[12](#). "The president made the decision in response to calls from conservatives, who have become increasingly concerned about the number of illegal immigrants from Latin America. Nevertheless, questions have been raised about the wisdom of using the National Guard to patrol the border.... Up to this point, President Bush has pushed for a 'guest worker' program that would legalize those illegal immigrants already in the US. It appears, though, that he has decided to adopt a tougher line in view of the continuing decline in conservative support for his administration."

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